

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2010***

Present: Selectmen Rosanne Gilbert, Michael Woodworth, and Wes Moore. Others present included Brian Knipstein, Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, and Clay Mitchell.

Call to order: 5:30pm at 75 Main Street – Main Street Art.

The Selectmen met with members of Main Street Art at 75 Main Street to review the progress of the renovations at the old post office building.

FEMA is asking for additional information on past flooding of Bald Hill Road to support the Town's request for funds to replace the current culvert with a larger one.

Brian Knipstein advises that he has ordered two "Blind Driveway" signs and they should be delivered to the Town Office soon. He also ordered a "Main Street" sign. He will check Halls Mill Road for a sign knocked down by snow and replace it if necessary.

Brian asked to use funds from the Sidewalk Reserve Fund to repair the sidewalks in the general store area, the pedway, and Swamscott Street. He was asked to return to the next Selectmen's meeting with the cost of the repairs. Installing sidewalks on Piscassic Road was also discussed.

Chief Reed received a letter informing him that he will have a deposition taken with regard to a civil case. The Selectmen advised the Chief to contact the Town Counsel.

Lt. Gould anticipates using her accrued vacation time before she retires.

Approval of the lighting grant was received. The lights in the Town Hall, Town Offices, and the Fire Station will be replaced with energy efficient lighting. All costs will be paid utilizing two grants. Clay will coordinate the project.

The Police Department Facilities Expansion Project committee members looked at various police departments in the area. Discussion on building a new police department on Town Hall property was discussed.

Clay Mitchell will be closing MG Planning Consultants. He will not be leaving his position as Town Planner, but will present a new contract with his new company name.

Clay's availability to reporters was discussed. Clay is available during his normal business hours in the Town Office and by e-mail.

The meeting with the Budget Advisory Committee was cancelled. The Selectmen will meet with the Committee in September when they meet with the department heads.

Repairing two chimneys and sanding and repainting the flagpole were discussed.

Checks were signed. George Drinkwater's appointment as Town Landing Overseer was signed. A NHDRA MS-1 Extension Request Form was signed.

Michael made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010 meeting as written. Wes seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Michael informed the board that the oil tank and piping at the Library needs to be replaced. He believes the Library was given a price of \$1,600. Wes will take the lead on this.

The meeting went into a non-public session at 7:05pm to discuss a personnel issue per RSA 91-A:3 II.

The meeting reopened to the public at 7:29pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant